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## AND SNAPSHOTS OF THE CARDINALS AT DALLAS. CORBETT AND M'GOVERN READY



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HAT THE CARDINALS ARE DOING IN TEXAS. .

Donovan, under ordinary circumstances during the playing season, is not a hard askmester. He does most of his-talking with his eyes and hands. However, he took the bit between his teeth since coming here, and is ruling his big gang of warriors like a Wevler.

He is an untiting worker and, as he prefers warm weather, the present delightful days here have served to Loost him several weeks ahead of his usual spring form.

The backstopping department is jogging along in good shape. Jack

Ryan is the terror of the tribe with the willow. In the "funco" hatting he has lost more balls than any oth-er man on the team. Jack hit like a house a-fire in last Sunday's game.

CURRIS WARMING UP.

#### WALKER TAKING A REST AFTER A HARD WORK-OUT AND RAPID PRACTICE.

### NEGRO TRAINERS AND RIDERS HAVE HAD THEIR DAY ON TURF.

Black Men Who Once Enjoyed a Practical Monopoly of Handling Race Herses Have About Passed Away From Those Professions.

compared with the situation at the present day. Meetings were oftentimes impromptu, or called at short notice to decide a wager made in haste and for the settlement of

racegoers.
Eil Jordan trained some of the best horses is the South. With Falsetto he beat the Eastern crack Spendthrift in the Kenner and Travers stakes at Saratoga. Blue Eyes and Fortuna were other stake-winners which Jordan trained. He hardled all of the horses belonging to Hunt Reynolds, a Kentucky turfman of the old school.

Another negro trainer who gained an enviable reputation was Old Man Falth. That was the only name by which he was known around the stables. He was noted as a heat and ions-distance trainer. Billy and Alfy Lakeland got their first ideas of horsemanship from Old Man Faith.

James R. Keene's first trainer was a negro, Harvey Welsh. He broke Faxhall and the other colts which Mr. Keene sent to England that year, and was considered a first-class trainer. He afterwards trained Hrambaletta. Fanter, Frankie B. Baltic, Boccecco and Caplas for Mr. Eurnham, and owned and trained Wakeheld, Marchioness and Gladstone.

Harry Colston handled the horses of Frank Harper when Longfellow, Springbok, Jils Johnson and others were making turf history in the colors of that veteran turfman.

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Another of Mr. Harper's trainers was Abe Perry, who was considered a great trainer. He also handled Longfellow, Long Knight, Irish Kins. Jile Johnson and others. He won the stallion stakes with Jils Johnson, running in his own colors. Mr. Harper had Irish King in the same race and protested the payment of the purse to Perry.

Henry Brown developed the good horses sent out by Colonel Dan Swigert and Bowen & Clay in the days, when these were names to conjure with on the turf. He brought out Hindoo, which was sold to the Dwyers for \$15,000; Morgan Scout, a four-mile heat-winner; Runnymede, Belle of Runnymede, Bengal, Obermeyer and others.

Andrew Thompson who for a time handled the horses of W. L. Scott, was a good trainer. Brown Dick has probably been the most successful negro trainer, in America. He is a fine judge of a horse, and it is his custom to buy one or two well-bred year-PERRY HANDLED GOOD HORSES.

Fifty years ago negroes had almost a monopoly of training and riding race horses. To-day they have all but disappeared from the turf, save as stablemen, rubbers, etc.

In the ante-bellum days, the big land owners of the South constituted the patrons of racing from the owners' standpoint. It was natural for them to look for their stable help of every degree from among their many slaves.

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Albert Cooper was another successful ne gro trainer, and handled the horses of many of America's leading turtmen.

With the establishment of racing at Saratoga soon after the close of the war, followed by the opening of Jerome Park shortly afterwards, the center of the racing endeavor gradually shifted from south of the Mason and Dixon line to the territory around the mitropolis. The negro, however, had been freed before this and naturally stuck to the horses and followed them North.

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SIMS HAD BRILLIANT CAREER. Sims rode for M. F. Dwyer in this country and in England. Kingston, Harry Reed. Banquet, Stonenell, Kennel, Don Alonzo, Ben Brush, Ben Eder and Cleophus, the last of the array of powerful horses which made the "white, gold tassel" of Mr. Dwyer famous, were all piloted by him. He tr-ed his luck abroad a season or two ago, ...: his riding days seem to be at an ed.

Lonnie Clayton was probably one of the best judges of pace this country ever knew. His victory with Henry Young, the sire of Heno, in the Columbus Handleap at Washington Park, when he defeated the peerless Yo Tamblen and the speedy Cash Day and set a record that stood for years, was an example of patient riding that equaled "leeman" Spencer's exhibition on Ethelbert when that horse defeated Imp for the Brighton Cup. Banquet, Stonenell, Kennel, Don Alonzo,

possible, and then taking matters easily to the finish.

Pete Clay who rode 'My Cosl Black Lady' on the metropolitan tracks one season, is now schooling jumpers at Mem-phis and expects to ride over the sticks this season.

Winkfield is about the only negro rider of prominence at present, but he was never in the class of Murphy. Sims. Clayton or Per-

kins. He little colored boy who wriggled out of trouble at New Orleans after a confession that startled the turf following at the Crescent City, is said to be a capable rider for a young lad, and one with bright prospects if he only is guided along the right channel.

But the day of the negro trainer and rider seems to have gone from the turf.

# FOR THEIR IMPENDING BATTLE.

Feather Weight Title Will Hinge on the Meeting of March 31 Before the Hayes Valley Athletic Club-Followers of Pugilism Are Divided on the Outcome, but McGovern Probably Will Be the Favorite at the Ringside-Yanger Won His Bout From Abel in Handy Fashion Last Week and Meets Mc-Padden Shortly.



BENNY YANGER,

The Chicago fighter, who won from Kid Abel at Kansas City last Tuesday, and who will meet Hugh McPadden in a few days.

port of either man. No previous champion-ship battle ever saw the contestants so close together in betting and favoritism. Nor was there ever a battle where authorities on the subject differed so widely on the probable resuit of the meeting.

One-half of the sporting world is going to be badly disappointed by the result of the affair, while the other half will be able to say complacently: "I told you so." There are cause in puglism when the sporting experts were down to a man on the wrong side—as in the Suilivan-Jim Corbett fight, when the majority of the ring followers believed Suilivan would win. There are also cases where the experts were on one ride and the vast majority of casual followers of the game on the other—as in the Corbett-Fitzsimmons bout, where Corbett was picked by the wise set, Fitz by the multitude. But there never was a case when experts and the general public were so evenly divided as on the present question.

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PERKINS HAD HIS DAY.

"Soup" Perkins rode for Bryan McCleilang, when he had Henry of Navare, Prince him famous as an owner and handler of thoroughbreak. He also rode for the elder Mr. Pleischmann when he first started on Perkins announced his intention of riding in Jumping races a year or so ago. In never carried to tut, and when John Perkins announced his intention of riding in Jumping races a year or so ago. In never carried to tut, and when John Perkins announced his intention of riding in Jumping races a year or so ago. In never carried to tut, and when John Perkins announced his intention of riding in Jumping races a year or so ago. In never carried to tut, and when John Perkins announced his intention of riding in Jumping races a year or so ago. In never carried to tut, and when John Perkins announced his intention of riding in Jumping races a year or so ago. In the property of the ring of the property in the prop

bout would be pulled off before their club Forbes is said to have smiled sardonically, but did not commit himself as to whether he was willing to risk another battle before the institution.

To revert to Yanger, who meets Hugh McPadden in Detroit the latter part of the



BILLY RHODES. Who will meet George Block this afternoon at the Columbia Athletic Club.

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month, it may be mentioned that Re adopted left jabbing for the face in his bout with Abel, a somewhat unusual course of procedure for Benny.

Yanger had things all his own way in the openings round, and Abel succeeded in landing but one punch in that period—a right to the Jaw. It was only in the fifth and sixth rounds that Abel managed to land at all frequently, and even then he did it largely by the grace of Yanger, who left openings as he went in with both hands. Yanger, of course, got the verdict.

This characteristic stomach punching of Yanger seems inseparable from any plan of attack the Italian boy may map out, and it is one reason why followers of the game do not favor him so much as Young Corbett or McGovern, assuming that he meets the winner of the forthcoming bout. It is doubtful if he would be able to land hard enough on a man who protects his stomach by his crouching pose as does McGovern, to batter him down before Terry got to him with blows that settled the matter.

In case Young Corbett is returned the victor and should meet Benny, it is pointed out that any lowering of Yanger's guard will spell disaster for him, as the champion has a faculty of seeking the jaw with a good, hard punch on the slightest opening being afforded.

Abe Attell, in spite of his miserable work

Abe Attell, in spite of his miserable work with Eddie Toy in their battle lately, has come out with the announcement that he is the 12-pound champion of the world. Abe probably thought this was a safe assertion to make, as it is extremely doubtful if either Young Corbett or McGovern can get anywhere near the figure. Yanger has also admitted that he cannot do less than 134 and be good for anything. So Abe can claim the title without much danger of contradiction.

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Whether it will do him much good remains to be seen. Joe Humphreys and others of the McGovern party assert that Terry can do the figure, and they state that they are willing to bet 5.000 to that effect. Whether Terry can fight at the weight, however, is a different question. The raising of the feather-weight limit is so generally recognized, however, that Attell is not likely to profit by being admittedly the cleverest boxer at the former feather-weight figure.

the sporting public is divided as to the outcome.

Benny Yanger won from Kid Abel last week, as was generally expected, and though he failed to knock his man out, he drubted him in the stomach until the Kid was about ready to drop. That he stood the punishment administered reflects credit on his ability to stand a beating.

The fight was the opening contest of a series carded for Kanisa City, the next number on the programme being the bout between Harry Forbes and Johnny Kelly, the coming Tuesday. This bout will be the opportunity of a lifetime for Kelly, but it is doubtful if he will prove anything more than a punching-bag for Forbes.

Harry, by the way, had an unpleasant experience last Monday evening at Allegheny, where he was scheduled to meet Paddy

#### CARDINAL MAKE-UP FOR SEASON CAN BE OUTLINED IN PART.

From Work Shown to Date, O'Neill, Murphy, Curry, Brown and Milton Seem Likely to Obtain Places for Steady Work While Dunleavy and Hackett Are Yet to Be Heard From-Nichols, Farrell, Williams and Brain Are Likely Infielders - Squad Makes Good Impression at Dallas.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL Dallas, Tex., March 21,-"Will I, or will I is a question no doubt raking the brains of about a dozen of the Donovan family now encamped in the Lone Star State, where "black-waxy," artesian water cowboys are main features. The chances are, Patsy Donovan would

e something right now to be able to go into a trance for the next three weeks. He has burdens on his shoulders which would make an ordinary mortal take to the tall grass. He is here the center of a group of twenty-one confident, willing, "ready-to-do-or-die" ball tossers.

There is not one of them in camp but feels almost sure that he is going to be tapped on the shoulder when the time comes by Patsy and asked to report at League Park to perform all season. What makes Patsy's task all the harder is the fact that begins to look as though the Robisons have succeeded in corrailing a strong lot of

players, pitchers in particular. Donovan, under ordinary circumstances, ering the playing season, is not a hard task-master. He does most of his talking with his eyes and hands. However, he took

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Wee be unto him who shirks or misses fractice. He does not order the boys about, but when he asks them to kindly be on the to go to the grounds, there are very slidom any stragglers. I never saw Donovan on the warpan, but his old teammates must have from the way they obey and adore him. They act as though it would be a crime to cross his path.

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OBSERVE ST. PATRICK'S DAY.—

St. Patrick's Day was, of course, observed by many members of the team, Murphy, Donovan, Mike O'Neill, Barclay, Farrell, Nichols, Ryan, MacFarland, Ellie Murphy and "Charles MacFarland's gatron saint reddens the fall of the

all day. Probably the proudest man in the camp was the good-natured Jack O'Neill. A Dailas admirer of his presented Jack with a beautiful green tie, and Jack, after practice, wore it with becoming pride. The weather since the team's atrival has been grand. The sun shines daily, and the atmosphere is clear and balmy. The grounds are now in very fair condition, as the groundkeeper has gone to work straightening up the field for the opening of the Texas League season.

For the past week Manager Dohovan has been pushing his big lot of twirlers along fast. All the stiff arms are gradually disappearing, and the "speedy" boys are commencing to curve them and steam up.

The Dallas fans were given such an exciting finish hast Bunday that they demanded another tilt. The Dallas club will attempt to trounce one of Patsy's teams. The event has been given widespread publicity, and another good crowd is expected.

To date, Manager Donovan, other than speaking in gestures and intendo, has not seen fit to even hint at just who and how many of his big pitching staff he is going to keep.

Milton has favorably impressed me by his work to date. He is a busky fellow, broad of shoulder, and handles himself nicely. He is a youngster and he looks pretty good. In last Sunday's game he held the regulars down for four innings without a run.

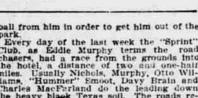
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Kid Currie will surely perform again before the St. Louis fans, as he is one of those whom Patsy is nursing in his own peculiar way.

The little fellow has had plenty of league experience, and his work at the fag end of last season for the Cardinals was first class. He is strouger, faster and more confident than he was last year.

BROWN IN GOOD TRIM

BROWN IN GOOD TRIM "Miner" Brown is another new man who handles himself like ready money. He can be placed on the "pretty-sure" class. If he isn't, Frank Genins will have a fit, as Frank said he would stake his reputation on the young man's ability to make good



ball from him in order to get him out of the park.

Every day of the last week the "Sprint" Club, as Eddle Murphy terms the road chasers, had a race from the grounds into the hotel, a distance of two and one-half miles. Usually Nichols, Murphy, Otto Williams, "Hummer" Emoot, Davy Brain and Charles MacFarland do the leading down the heavy black Texas soil. The roads remind one very much of the unfinished streets of St. Louis, and the running is pretly hard.

In the evening after suppor the players congregate in the reception-room up on their floor—the top one, of course, as all hotels make it a rule to house the professional men as close to the roof as possible. There are several pretty fair warblers in the erowd. The "Rotten Brothers" quartet, as Jack O'Nelli, the man who has a name for everything, termed the four, is composed of "Ginger" Murphy, Charlle Brown.

Murphy sings tenor, Williams lead, Mac-

MacFariand, Otto Williams and Miller Brown.
Murphy sings tenor, Williams lead, MacFariand barytone and Brown bass. Manager Donovan occasionally joins the group, but he seems content with sitting about the corriders downstains, chatting with the many St. Louis traveling men who stop over here. Though it is entirely too early to state with any definite degree of accuracy just who will be dropped by Donovan, your correspondent feels safe in giving the following names of players who will, in his opinion, shine in Cardinal trimmings next season:

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Outfield, Donovan, Smoot, Barclay; infield, Nichols, Farrell, Williams and Brain;
pitching department, "King" O'Neill, Eddie
Murphy, "Curis" Curry, Miner Brown and
Milton.

Dunleavy and Hackett, of course, are yet
to be heard from. Donovan says he has a
man on his pitching staff who will prove a
sensation. As the two just mentioned have
not exhibited, it is a hard matter to try
and solve Pat's declaration.

JOE FINNIGAN.



"WILD BILL" DONOVAN, Who will pitch for Detroit the coming season